

**RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & TRAINING  
DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION  
MECHANICAL BOARD  
1511 PONTIAC AVENUE  
Building 70 – 2nd Floor Conference Room  
Cranston, RI 02920**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2007**

**In attendance: Stanley Davies, Chairperson**

**Bobby Jo Harris**

**Michael Carreiro**

**John Webster**

**Michael Januario**

**Peter Lombardi**

**Ronald Cronin**

**Ted Whittaker**

**Charles Wright**

**Adelita Orefice**

**Not In attendance: Kenneth Aurrecchia, Quinlin Regan, and Chester Stewart**

**Mr. Stanley Davies, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:06**

**a.m.**

**Introductions of Board members were made to the Director, Adelita Orefice. There was a Quorum.**

**Hearing: Mr. Manuel Soares - Violation #2942**

**Mr. Manuel Soares and RIDLT Investigator, E. Patrick Luther is present today to provide testimony and was sworn in by the board stenographer.**

**Mr. Whittaker read the violation: Location of violation: Meadowbrook – Waldorf School, Route 138, Richmond. Mr. E. Patrick Luther, RIDLT Investigator, did witness two employees, Mr. Michael P. McCormick, 473 East Avenue, Pawtucket and Mr. Charles Goveia, 28 Harris Street, Riverside, allegedly in Mr. Soares employment, performing sheet metal work without a license or being registered as apprentices in Rhode Island to perform this work. This is two violations of RIGL 28-27-5.1 "Practices for which a journeyperson or apprentice registration is required".**

**Michael Carreiro made a motion, based on the testimony heard, that a finding of fact has been made by the Board that two violations of RIGL 28-27-5.1 "Practices for which a journeyperson or apprentice registration is required" did occur and that the Board uphold the two violations of \$500.00 each, for a total of \$1,000.00. Peter Lombardi seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. Mr. Davies reported to Mr. Soares that he would be receiving a letter from the Director upholding the violation in the amount of \$1,000.00.**

**A motion to close hearings was motioned by Michael Carreiro, and Michael Januario seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.**

**Adelita Orefice, Director of the Department of Labor and Training addressed the Board.**

**The Director would like to have vacancies filled for the Workforce Development office, and the Trade Occupation Boards at the Department of Labor and Training, with the first Board being the Hoisting Board. The Director would like to have reappointments and vacancies filled first. She would like to advertise in the Trade for these positions that will be posted. Once resumes are submitted, there will be a review of the resumes with the Board to determine the best candidate and give other Board members a chance to resign, if they desire, or be re-elected to the Board, and also have an opportunity to recruit other people. Once resumes are submitted and**

reviewed, and the candidate chosen, there will be specific training to each trade and an all around training for everyone, including refresher courses for professional development and hopefully to help strengthen our legal force so that there is less litigation, and by having the training, to specifically hold better hearings across the boards. Director and the boards will be looking at people who are motivated to serve, who are qualified and there will be participation from the Boards to look at applications and see who would be best qualified for the position. She is looking to fill vacancies for expired terms and regular vacancies that currently exist on the Boards. Director suggested that her door is always open for suggestions. She would eventually like businesses, unions and workforce come together to increase a need for more skilled, experienced people who would be working in the trades.

#### **Presentation of Awards:**

Mr. Stanley Davies read a letter to the Board members from Peter Lombardi, stating effective February 8, 2007, or an appointment of replacement, that he would be resigning from the Board.

- Adelita Orefice, Director, presented a Proclamation, from the Governor, to Peter Lombardi.
- Edward (Ted) Whittaker presented Mr. Lombardi with two certificates from the Senate, including his own district, Senator Marselli.
- Gift was awarded to Mr. Lombardi on behalf of the Board members.

**Other Business:**

**Charles Wright read a letter from Mr. Paliotta (Board received copies earlier of the letter), stating that Mr. Paliotta would like to sit for the Pipe Fitter Master II License. After hearing all of the testimony, Bobby Jo Harris motioned to have Mr. Paliotta take the exam, providing he provide us with a certificate from New England Technology and Michael Carreiro seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.**

**The other matter of business that Charlie Wright passed out was a letter regarding Michael Roy, who would like to sit for journey person exam to obtain a pipe fitter's license. Mr. Ron Cronin made a motion to allow Mr. Roy to sit for the exam for Journeyman 2 and Peter Lombardi seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.**

**Mr. Stanley Davies, Chairperson, asked the Board if the Board members reviewed the minutes. Mr. John Webster made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Mr. Michael Januario seconded**

**the motion. Mr. Michael Carreiro abstained from voting. All other members voted in favor.**

**There was no further business before the Board. A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Davies at 10:05 AM and seconded by Michael Carreiro. All members voted in favor.**

**Respectively submitted by Elaine J. Heiss, February 7, 2007**